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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MAGAZINE WRITER COMING TO UM

MISSOULA –

Here's hoping Chris Jones doesn't leave anything in Missoula.

Jones, Esquire magazine's writer-at-large, will deliver his lecture "I Left My Gallbladder in L.A. (and Other True Stories of Life on the Road)" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the North Underground Lecture Hall at The University of Montana.

Jones began at Esquire as a contributing writer in 2002 and was promoted to writer-at-large in 2005 after winning the National Magazine Award for Feature Writing. His winning story, "Home," chronicled the lives of the three astronauts stranded on the International Space Station for months after the Columbia Space Shuttle disaster.

A book based on his reporting of those events, "Too Far From Home: A Story of Life and Death in Space," will be published by Doubleday in March.

The lecture is part of an occasional series named for UM graduate Marjorie Nichols, who died of cancer in 1991. Nichols, who had a reputation for biting political commentary, was one of Canada's most prominent journalists when she died. Nichols covered the Canadian Parliament for the Vancouver Sun and the Ottawa Citizen. She was also a frequent guest on CBC radio and television.

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Jones, a graduate of the University of Toronto and a resident of Ottawa, is the next in a line of Canadian journalists and politicians who have come to UM as part of the series.

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